

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 108339-00131

For: ADAPTIVE FLOW CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 6, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 7 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 CFR 1.121.


7. (Amended) A device as recited in claim 6, wherein the network device comprises a multiple-linked chip device.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 7 is amended to correct the dependency thereof and to place this application into better condition for examination. No new matter has been added.

In the event that there are any fees due with respect to the filing of this paper,  
please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIM**  
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7. (Amended) A device [for controlling data flow within a network device] as recited in claim 6, wherein the network device comprises a multiple-linked chip device.

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